

ORDER RE: ARRESTS ON WARRANTS )  
IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT ) ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
) 2020-07  
(LATAH COUNTY) )

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump issued a Proclamation declaring a national emergency in response to the coronavirus disease outbreak. On March 16, 2020, President Trump issued coronavirus guidelines for America, which among other things, advises to *avoid gatherings in groups of more than 10 people*.

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Idaho Supreme Court issued an order in response to the coronavirus emergency establishing measures for courthouse operations effective Monday, March 16, to Friday, April 10, 2020.

WHEREAS, the Second Judicial District has been limiting public access to the Courts.

WHEREAS, there has been an increase in reported COVID-19 cases in Latah County.

WHEREAS, the jail in Latah County is trying to comply with these directives by limiting traffic in and out of the jails.

NOW THEREFORE, in the exercise of discretion and for good cause, based on the forgoing and the enumerated factors in the newly issued I.C.R. 28,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that law enforcement in Latah County are temporary relieved of their mandatory obligation to effectuate an arrest on any traffic warrants or warrants issued by the courts in the Second Judicial District with a bond of \$1500.00 or less, unless otherwise specifically ordered by a judge. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until August 1, 2020. By entering this order, law enforcement are vested with the discretion on whether to effectuate arrests on these warrants and are encouraged to take into consideration the needs of public safety as well as protection of the integrity of the court system during the pendency of the COVID-19 crisis.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that whereas, it is unknown how long the prisoner transportation system will remain running. For all out-of-District Misdemeanor warrants under \$1500.00, law enforcement is encouraged to attempt to contact the issuing judge to determine if they desire to have the warrant confirmed for transport prior to the individual being booked into the jail.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that law enforcement in Latah County is allowed to suspend warrant confirmation on our misdemeanors to outside counties.

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 2020.

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Jay P. Gaskill  
Administrative District Judge

cc: District Judges of the Second Judicial District  
Magistrate Judges of the Second Judicial District  
Elected Clerks of the Second Judicial District  
Jury Commissioners of the Second Judicial District  
Sara Thomas, Administrative Director of the Courts  
Roger S. Burdick, Chief Justice of the Idaho Supreme Court